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1. SUMMARY. MOORE AND US ARCHIPELAGO TEAM MET WITH BAHAMAS
DELEGATION PER REFTEL AND PROPOSED NEW DEFINITIONAL
PARAMETERS OF AN ARCHIPELAGO WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL
OF BAHAMAS EXCEPT CAY SAL GROUP. MOORE
ALSO DETAILED GENERAL NATURE OF US INTEREST IN THE
ARCHIPELAGO STRESSING THE DEFINITIONAL ASPECTS,
SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE REGIME INCLUDING OVERFLIGHT AND
SUBMERGED TRANSIT, AND SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STRAITS
OBJECTIVES OF UNIMPEDED TRANSIT. BAHAMAS DELEGATE
STEWART NOTED GENERAL BAHAMIAN AGREEMENT WITH
THESE POINTS MADE CLEAR IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS.
MEETING EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND SEEMED TO SUGGEST EARLY
AGREEMENT ON ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS ISSUES BETWEEN US
AND BAHAMAS. BAHAMIAN TEAM ISSUED INVITATION FOR
MOORE AND ARCHIPELAGO TEAM TO VISIT NASSAU DURING
SEPTEMBER TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT. BASE NEGOTIATIONS
NOT RAISED. END SUMMARY.

2. US ARCHIPELAGO TEAM LED BY PROFESSOR JOHN NORTON
MOORE AND INCLUDING STUART FRENCH (DOD), ADMIRAL
MAX K. MORRIS (USN, OJCS), CAPTAIN GLENN
YOUNG (USCG) AND DEPARTMENT GEOGRAPHER ROBERT
HODGSON MET ON AUGUST 19 WITH MEMBERS OF BAHAMIAN
DELEGATION INCLUDING GEORGE P. STEWART, FIRST ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MR. S.T. DEAN,
GOBI MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

3. MOORE OPENED MEETING WITH STATEMENT THAT

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AS RESULT OF MEETING WITH FON, MIN, ADDERLY US HAD REEXAMINED PROPOSED US DEFINITIONAL PARAMETERS FOR ARCHIPELAGOS AS THEY RELATED TO THE BAHAMAS AND WAS PLEASED TO STATE THAT WE BELIEVED A MUTUALLY-SATISFACTORY ACCOMMODATION WAS POSSIBLE. MOORE INDICATED THAT US PREPARED IN CONTEXT OF MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION TO SUPPORT ARCHIPELAGO FOR BAHAMAS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ALL ISLANDS EXCEPT CAY SAL GROUP AND WHICH WOULD INCLUDE MOST AND POSSIBLY ALL OF GRAND BAHAMAS BANKS, ONLY COVERAGE QUESTION REMAINING CONCERNED POSITION OF SOUTHEASTERN BAHAMA BANKS. US WAS EXPLORING WAYS OF INCLUDING THIS AREA AND WAS EXPLORING LENGTH OF BASE LINE AND LAND WATER RATIO TO SEE IF THERE WAS SOME WAS OF RESOLVING THE PROBLEM. MOORE THEN OUTLINED US INTEREST IN THE SUPPORT OF THE ARCHIPELAGO PROBLEM, NOTING THE IMPORTANT POSITION OF INDONESIA ASTRIDE THE MAIN ROUTES BETWEEN THE PACIFIC AND THE INDIAN OCEANS. HE FURTHER COMMENTED ON THE GENERAL STRATEGIC POSITION OF OTHER ARCHIPELAGOS AND THE NEED FOR A NEW LEGAL REGIME WHICH RECOGNIZED THE INTERESTS OF ARCHIPELAGIC STATES AS WELL AS THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR A SATISFACTORY TRANSIT REGIME THROUGH AND OVER THE ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS OF THESE STATES, HE CONDITIONED US SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE ON THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE ARCHIPELAGO STATES IN RESTRICTING THE DEFINITIONAL PARAMETERS TO LIMIT THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE, THE NEED FOR A REGIME OF TRANSIT SATISFACTORY TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MARITIME STATES, AND SUPPORT FOR FREE TRANSIT THROUGH AND OVER INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. MOORE NOTED SUPPORT OF PRINCIPAL ARCHIPELAGIC STATES, INCLUDING INDONESIA, TO THESE THREE POINTS ALSO NECESSARY FOR US SUPPORT OF THE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT FOR ANY NATION.

4, STEWART OBSERVED THAT THE BAHAMAS DELEGATION IN PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS HAD GIVEN ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR THESE OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING OVERFLIGHT. IT WAS CLEAR FROM HIS STATEMENTS THAT THE CONDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS DID NOT DISTURB THE BAHAMIAN NEGOTIATING OR POLITICAL POSITIONS.

5, HODGSON EXPLAINED APPLICATION OF REVISED DEFINITIONAL

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6. STEWART EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO PROFESSOR MOORE FOR THE SERIOUS EFFORTS WHICH THE UNITED STATES

OBVIOUSLY HAD MADE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BAHAMAS IN THE ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS. HE INFORMED

THE US GROUP THAT HE WOULD CONVEY THE US POSITION TO MINISTER ADERLEY IMMEDIATELY, ASSURING THAT

LATTER WOULD BE PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE

DISCUSSIONS. STEWART CLEARLY EXPECTED EXCLUSION OF

CAY SAL GROUP AND SPECIFICALLY INDICATED THIS WAS NOT

A PROBLEM, STEWART AGAIN NOTED THE BAHAMIAN PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED POSITION FOR FREE TRANSIT THROUGH,

UNDER AND OVER THE WATERS OF THE ARCHIPELAGO AND

THAT THESE CAUSED NO PROBLEM FOR THE GOBI, STEWART

INFORMED MOORE THAT HE WOULD CONVEY HIS GOVERNMENT'S

REACTION TO THE NEW PROPOSALS AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

THE NEED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WAS THEN RAISED WITH

REFERENCE TO A MEETING OF THE ARCHIPELAGO TEAM WITH THE

OFFICIALS OF THE GOBI IN NASSAU. STEWART STATED THAT THE

GOBI WOULD WARMLY WELCOME THE TEAM DURING THE EARLY

PART OF SEPTEMBER, PROBABLY AFTER THE 8TH.

7. THE DISCUSSIONS CONCENTRATED ENTIRELY ON THE ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE. THE QUESTION OF DELIMITATION OF A MARI-

TIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE BAHAMAS AND THE UNITED

STATES WAS NOT RAISED, EITHER IN THE ABSTRACT OR

WITHIN THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE APPLICATION

OF THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE, THE US DELEGATION HAS

TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE APPLICATION OF

THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE TO AN ISLAND STATE DOES NOT

NECESSARILY HAVE DIRECT IMPLICATION THAT ALL ISLANDS,

LOW-TIDE ELEVATIONS, REEFS, ETC. WOULD AUTOMATICALLY

BE DETERMINANT BASEPOINTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EQUI-

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PARAMETERS TO THE BAHAMAS ON LARGE-SCALE MAPS BUT
UNABLE TO FURNISH SMALL-SCALE RETENTION COPY TO
THE BAHAMAS DUE TO LIMITED SUPPLY OF CHARTS IN CARACAS.
HE AGREED UPON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON
TO PRODUCE A CHART WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
GOBI. IN ADDITION, THE MAXIMUM LENGTH-OF-LINE PARA-
METER HAS LED TO CERTAIN ANOMALIES IN SOUTHWEST BAHAMAS
WHICH HODGSON WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO RATIONALIZE AND
CLARIFY IN WASHINGTON. A DEFINITIVE LAND/WATER
RATIO WILL BE FORTHCOMING AT THAT TIME.

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DISTANT BOUNDARY, IN FACT, INDONESIA, WHICH APPLIES THE PRINCIPLE, TOOK A PARALLEL POSITION TO THIS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA IN AREA OF TIMOR TRENCH, FINALLY, BASE NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT RAISED BY EITHER SIDE.

8, ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPT, AGREES, USDEL REQUESTS EMBASSY TO CONFIRM TRIP BY MOORE, OXMAN, HODGSON, FRENCH AND MORRIS TO NASSAU AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE. AS SEPTEMBER CALENDAR ALREADY HAS SEVERAL FIRM LOS ACTIVITIES, TRIP WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE AFTER SEPTEMBER 23 UNLESS THIS DELAY WOULD CAUSE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES FOR GOBI, STEWART HAS TENTATIVELY INDICATED THAT END OF SEPTEMBER WOULD BE FINE WITH HIM, STEVENSON

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